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MASTER'S STUDENT · HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION

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Education

Brown University

SC.M IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Providence, RI

2022 - Present

Arizona State University

B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY

Tempe, AZ

2019 - 2022

Barrett Honors College

Summa Cum Laude

Thesis: "Assessing Exhibit Interaction through Bridging the Connections Between Biometrics and Traditional Tools"

Publications

CONFERENCES

Zainab Iftikhar, **Yumeng Ma**, and Jeff Huang. "Together but not together": Evaluating Typing Indicators for Interaction-Rich Communication. CHI 2023. ACM.

Ian Gonsler, **Yumeng Ma**, Ivan Pineda-Dominguez, Matthew Lee, and Yuxin. The Mixed Reality Passthrough Window: Rethinking the Laptop Videoconferencing Experience. IHET 2023.

Ian Gonsler, Asad Khan, Ray Sun, **Yumeng Ma**, et al. Integrating Interfaces into Furniture: New Paradigms for Ubiquitous Computing, Mixed Reality, and Telepresence within the Built Environment. MAB 2023. ACM.(to appear)

Research Experience

University of California Los Angeles (HCI Lab)

RESEARCH INTERN

Los Angeles CA

2023 - Present

- Leveraging LLMs and personal agents to create a proactive reminder and suggestion app

Brown University (Mixed Reality Window Project)

DESIGN RESEARCHER

Providence, RI

2022 - Present

- Introducing a new paradigm for the integration of AR into laptop and desktop displays, enabling local users to interact more easily and seamlessly with remote users during videoconferencing sessions.

Brown University (Robotic Arm Manipulation)

STUDENT RESEARCHER

Providence, RI

2023

- Performed and tested text-driven robot grasp tasks with CLIP-feature field in NeRF.

Brown University (HCI Lab)

DISTRIBUTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Providence, RI

2022

- Designed novel typing indicators and found that they enhance user co-presence in written communication through in depth surveys and interviews.

Arizona State University Department of Psychology (SoLET Lab)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Tempe, AZ

2022

- Conducted testing and evaluation of tutoring systems to optimize learning and educational practices for underrepresented groups.

NASA Psyche Mission

COLLABORATOR

Tempe, AZ

2021-2022

- Developed a web app that enabled users to interact with the Psyche Spacecraft model and conducted user studies with biometric data analysis, revealing that the app increased public engagement.

Industry Experience _____

Clocky

Remote

WEB DEVELOPER INTERN

2023 - Present

- Developing a new version of clocky.com using Shopify's Liquid language.

Civillience

Remote

UI/UX DESIGN INTERN

2023 - Present

- Unifying the design of Civillience's mobile application to enhance user experience and visual consistency.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants _____

2023 **Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference Scholarship**, Brown University

2019 - 2023 **Microsoft DisAbility Scholarship**, Microsoft

2022 **Google CS Research Mentorship Program (CSRMP) Fellowship**, Google

2022 **Virtual Grace Hopper Celebration (GHC) Scholarship**, AccessComputig

Teaching Experience _____

Spring '22 **Information Assurance**, TA for Adam Doupe and Tiffany Bao, Arizona State University

Extracurricular & Work Activities _____

2021 - Present **Member**, AccessComputing

2022 - 2023 **Master's Representative**, Brown University CS Diversity Committee

Providence, RI

2020 - 2021 **Microsoft Support / Xbox Advocate Contract**, Microsoft

Tempe, AZ

Skills _____

Programming Python, C/C++, C#, Java, Unix/Linux, ROS

Web HTML, CSS, Javascript, Typescript, React, Vue, APIs, Git

Game Dev Unity, Godot

Data Jupyter Notebook, MySQL, MATLAB

Design UI/UX, Adobe Creative Suite, Figma, Wireframing, Fusion360, Blender

Hardware Arduino, Raspberry Pi